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**OP-ED: TREASURER DAN SCHWARTZ APOLOGIZES
TO NEVADA FAMILIES**

Dear Fellow Nevadans:

Recognizing Governor Brian Sandoval's and Republican legislative leaders' failure to include funding the ESA program on the recent Special Session agenda, I can only apologize to Nevada moms and dads for our party's failure to keep our word.

The Treasurer's office expedited the regulations, fought and won two court cases, and were prepared to distribute checks last February. The Governor had an opportunity to put ESAs on the special session agenda, but for reasons best known to him, did not. His argument that Constitutional questions remained was previously answered by the Nevada Supreme Court: other than funding, the program is constitutional. His promise to convene a "blue ribbon" committee to consider the matter next year is equally hollow. Chances are good that Republicans will lose majorities in one or both houses. Moreover, 8,000 Nevada families have already waited well over a year for what was promised to them.

Without funding, there is little more we can do. So, when you go out to an empty mail box today, you know the reason.

Sincerely, yours,

Dan Schwartz
Nevada State Treasurer